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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII
TO PRIORITIZE THE CONTROL OF HIGH-THREAT INVASIVE SPECIES.

1 WHEREAS, the invasion of Hawaii by insects, disease-bearing
2 organisms, snakes, weeds, and other pests is the single greatest
3 threat to the State's economy and natural environment and the
4 health and lifestyle of the people of Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, pests already cause millions of dollars in crop
7 losses, the extinction of native species, the destruction of
8 native forests, and the spread of disease, but many more harmful
9 pests now threaten to invade Hawaii and cause more damage; and

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11 WHEREAS, stopping the influx of new pests and containing
12 their spread are essential to the State's current and future
13 well-being; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
16 Division of Forestry and Wildlife and the Big Island Invasive
17 Species Committee have made efforts to control high-threat
18 invasive species throughout the County of Hawaii, especially to
19 control miconia, a fast-growing weedy tree that can increase
20 erosion and landslides due to its shallow root system; and

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22 WHEREAS, large infestations of miconia are on the windward
23 side of the Island of Hawaii with a smaller population on the
24 leeward side, posing a threat to the local environment, cultural
25 practices, and economy; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
28 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
29 Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry
30 and Wildlife in the County of Hawaii is encouraged to prioritize
31 the control of high-threat invasive species, like miconia, and
32 prevent these species from negatively impacting the environment
33 and economy; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:

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